

<b>DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY (37 CFR 1.32)and CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS INDICATION FORM (37 CFR 1.32)</b>	<b>Application Number</b>	10/575,385
	<b>Filing Date</b>	April 10, 2006
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	<b>Title</b>	METHOD FOR OPERATING A HYDROGEN TEST LEAK UNIT
	<b>Group Art Unit</b>	2856
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	Not Assigned
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**DECLARATION**

This declaration is directed to:

☐ The attached application, or

☒ Application No. 10/575,385, filed on April 10, 2006, ☐ as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable);

I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

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Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached?	
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